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Mr. John T. Campbell, Head
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Dear John:

We will be very glad to see John Sheringham, and to have him visit our Far Eastern Bureau, as proposed in your 29 December 1959 letter. His trip should prove beneficial to both our services. Upon receipt of his itinerary, I will notify our field stations. Your letter does not mention the European Bureau, and I assume that you do not wish him to include them.

While on the subject of trips, you may be interested to know that [] the new chief of the FBIS Operations Staff, is also making an inspection trip to the overseas FBIS bureaus. His first stop will be at London Bureau, from 15 to 20 February. In addition to studying various problems at the field stations, the trip is intended to be educational and benefit [] in his new job through orientation and observation of field operations. [] succeeded [] as FBIS Operations Officer in November, when [] took over the East Coast Bureau.

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I note with interest that you are now going ahead with your monitoring station in East Africa. Our own African project is, I believe, approaching the stage where we will be able to enter into formal agreement with the local authorities in Nigeria. I should be able to give you more definite information in the near future.

If I can do anything to facilitate Sheringham's travel, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Chief, FBIS

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cc: Chief, London Bureau

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Dear Roger,

You will remember that when you were here in October I mentioned to you that I thought it would be useful if John Sheringham were able to visit Washington and make a tour of your Bureaus on the West Coast and in the Far East, and I am now writing to ask you formally whether you would agree to this, because if so, I would propose that it should take place from about 25th February to the end of March. I am sure it would serve a very useful purpose both in giving Sheringham an insight into the FBIS organisation and work, and at the same time allow an opportunity of our particular needs being represented both in Washington and in the Bureaus. My suggestion would be that he should spend perhaps eight days in Washington and then go on to the West Coast, Tokio, Hokkaido, Okinawa, Saigon, and then home. I would be grateful if you could let me know by signal whether you would agree to this in principle, and I would then work out a suggested itinerary and send it to you for your agreement.

I am now able to give you more information about our monitoring project in East Africa. The position is, that the project has been approved and finance made available and we are proceeding to have built a small monitoring station some eight miles from Nairobi. I have no firm estimated date yet as to how long it is likely to take to build, but I hope that we may have something in operation not long after the 1st April. As I told you, the object of this operation will be to monitor transmissions in African languages primarily, although we will also take some English, Arabic and Amharic transmissions which can only be monitored there. The material will be edited on the spot and sent by teleprinter direct from Nairobi to Caversham where it will be fed into our main stream of monitored material

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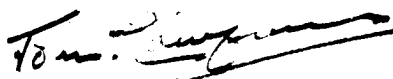
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and made available to your London Bureau in the normal way. I am very glad that at long last we have been able to make some firm progress on this front, and in view of the activity in broadcasting both to and from West Africa I shall be most interested to hear of any progress you are making in your ideas for monitoring in that area.

We all enjoyed seeing you on your visit here, which I am sorry was so short, and I hope that you got a good rest when you returned home because I know from experience how tiring these tours are.


With all good wishes for 1960,

Yours sincerely,



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